

## CLAIMS

1. A hydraulic driving device for an operating machine, comprising:  
an actuator(2);

5 a pump(3) to discharge a hydraulic fluid by driving a motor therein;

an oil passage(4a) to introduce the hydraulic fluid discharged from the pump to the actuator;

a hydraulic control valve(6) provided in the oil passage to control  
10 an oil pressure of the hydraulic fluid that is introduced to the actuator;

an open and closed valve(5) to control opening and closing of the oil passage between the pump and the hydraulic control valve;

an operating device(7) with which a driver operates the actuator;  
and

15 a controller(8) adapted to control an opening of the hydraulic control valve and the open and closed valve in accordance with an output value of the operating device, wherein:

the controller is adapted to:

20 stop the pump, and close the open and closed valve and the hydraulic control valve respectively when the output value of the operating device is in a first predetermined range(E1,E2);

start the pump and open the open and closed valve when the output value goes beyond the first predetermined range; and

25 open the hydraulic control valve to supply the hydraulic fluid to the actuator when the output value goes beyond a second range(E3,E4); greater than the first predetermined range.

2. The hydraulic driving device according to claim 1, wherein:

30 the first predetermined range is set to include the output value produced when the operating device is in a neutral position; and

the second range is set to include a value smaller than a minimum value of the first predetermined range and a value greater than a maximum value of the first predetermined range.